Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—One Sri M. B. Shivanandam of Hindupur lodged a complaint with the Police that on 10th March 1969 at about 10-30 p.m., when he was proceeding along with four others in car No. APA. 3104 from Bangalore to Hindupur, he stopped the car near a bridge at the bottom of Makli Ghat Road between miles 33 and 34 about 2 miles away from the Gouribidanur limits, Kolar District, seeing stones placed across the road. Immediately after the car was stopped, two persons, one from either side of the road came to the car, one armed with a knife and other with a stick, that the latter demanded money from the occupants of the car, that due to fear they gave to these persons about Rs. 134 in currency notes and that one of them snatched a gold chain weighing about 2 tolas and a gold ring weighing about 1 tola from his brother. In this connection, a case in Cr. No. 26/69 under Section 392 I. P. C. has been registered in Doddaballapur Rural Police Station and the same is under investigation.

The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Range and the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore visited the scene of occurrence and gave suitable instructions to the Investigating Officer. A Special Squad has also been formed and deputed to apprehend the accused.

No lorry is reported to have been attacked.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH (Bidar).—I want to know what has happened to my notice sent to you, Sir. It is a very important question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—About notices of questions or motions, no points should be raised on the floor of the House. I am attending to them. If the hon'ble Members have got any doubt, they may please come and meet me in my chamber. I am attending to them and doing what is necessary to help them. I cannot remember each and every case here. If they want they can come and meet me.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—Sri Banumaiah College has been closed abruptly causing inconvenience to many students. I request the Hon. Education Minister to make a statement regarding that subject.

Statement of the Minister for Revenue *re*: Harassment to a person for non-payment of arrears of land revenue in Anekal Taluk

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, motion sent by Sri Vatal Nagaraj contains the following two points:

That the Assistant Commissioner arrested and destrained the properties in the House of Sri Venkataramana Reddy on 16th March 1969;

Secondly that Sri Venkataramana Reddy was taken to the police station handcuffed and paraded all the way to Bangalore.

Sir, the facts as reported by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore are as under:

A demand notice was issued by the Revenue Inspector to Sri Venkataramana Reddy on 6th March 1969 and not for the first time as alleged on 16th March 1969. Sri Venkataramana Reddy refused to accept the service of notice issued on 6th March 1969. The Assistant Commissioner sent for Sri Venkataramana Reddy on 16th March 69 and he disputed the correctness of the demand made in the notice. The Assistant Commissioner verified the accounts again and confirmed that the demand was correctly made. Even then Sri Venkataramana Reddy insisted that he should get confirmation by notice signed by Thasildar himself. The notice was therefore signed by Thasildar and given to Sri Venkataramana Reddy personally. The first notice was on 6th March 1969 which was operative notice and when Sri Venkataramana Reddy refused to accept it, it was published on the house of the defaulter. The notice was therefore properly served on 6th March 1969 and it is therefore not correct to say that he had no notice before 16th March 1969.

Sri Venkataramana Reddy first agreed to pay Rs. 60 under protest as part payment and left the camp office at 10-00 a.m. He returned to the Assistant Commissioner at 12 noon and announced that he was not prepared to pay even under protest and action may be taken as per rules. The Assistant Commissioner cautioned him that the moveables will have to be destrained. Still he refused to make the payment and challenged the Assistant Commissioner to carry out the destraint, himself. The Assistant Commissioner directed the Revenue Inspector to enter the defaulter's house in his own presence. When the Revenue Inspector entered the house, he was manhandled by Sri Venkataramana Reddy and Sri Narayana Reddy. The Assistant Commissioner lodged a complaint with the local Sub-Inspector of Police that the defaulter and his brother-in-law one Narayana Reddy were obstructing the Government servant while on duty.

On the second point : it is not true to say that Sri Venkataramana Reddy was arrested for the recovery of land revenue. He was arrested by the police after the complaint was lodged. It is ascertained by Superintendent of Police that the arrest took place at about 9-00 a.m. and the second accused Narayana Reddy had absconded by that time. The Superintendent of Police further reports that the accused is a desperate and dangerous character and therefore the escort party handcuffed him while escorting from Anekal to Bangalore as they feared that the escort party may be hurt.

The accused Sri Venkataramana Reddy has since been produced before the First Class Magistrate in Bangalore and has been released on bail.

A case under section 353 IPC has been registered against the said Sri Venkataramana Reddy and Sri Narayana Reddy.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—I want a clarification, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no scope for any clarification. The statement is clear.

Obituary Reference *re* : The death of Sri A. G. Ramachandra Rao

Mr. SPEAKER.—I very much regret to announce the sad demise of Sri A. G. Ramachandra Rao, ex-Member of this House and an Ex-Minister of Mysore State. The demise occurred today. Hon. Members desiring to make any reference may do so.

†ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನನಗೆ ಇದೀಗ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾಯರ ನಿಧನದ ವಾರ್ತೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ನಾನು ಅವರನ್ನು ಮೊನ್ನೆ ಮೊನ್ನೆ ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ದೃಢಕಾಯರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಮೃತ್ಯು ಇಷ್ಟು ತೀವ್ರ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಗೊತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರನ್ನು ನಾನು 1956ರ ಪೂರ್ವದಿಂದಲೂ ಬಲ್ಲೆ. 1956 ರಿಂದೀಚೆಗೆ ಅನೇಕ ಸಲ ಅವರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ವಿಷಯ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರನ್ನು ಸಮೀಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡುವ ಅವಕಾಶ ನನಗೆ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿತ್ತು. ಈ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯ ಅನೇಕ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಅವರು ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶದ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಚಳವಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಸಂಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟೋ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮೈಸೂರು ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಜನ್ಮ ತಾಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲೇ ಅವರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿಗರಾಗಿದ್ದರು ಎಂಬುವುದನ್ನು ಸದಸ್ಯರು ನೆನಪುಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಬಹಳಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಅವರು ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾಗಿಯೂ ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 1952 ರಿಂದ 1956ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಅವರು ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಮಂಡಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರು, ಇತರ ಅನೇಕ ಎರಡನೆಯ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಎರಡನೆಯ ಕೆಪ್ಯಾಸಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲೂ ಬಹಳಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಅವರು ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಅವರು ಜನಾನುರಾಗಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿದ ಹಾಗೆ ಅವರು ಬಹಳ ಸೌಮ್ಯವೃತ್ತಿಯವರು, ಯಾವ ಮಾತನ್ನಾಡಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಬಹಳ ಸೌಮ್ಯ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಗೌರವವಿತ್ತು. ಅವರು ಇಂದು ನಿಧನರಾಗಿರುವುದು ಮೈಸೂರು ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಕೊರತೆಯನ್ನುಂಟುಮಾಡಿದೆಯೆಂದು ನಾನು ತಿಳಿಯುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಬಹಳಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಅನಮಾಧಾನವಾಗಿದೆ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದೇಶದ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಹೋರಾಡಿ ಅನಂತರ ಅನೇಕ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಒಬ್ಬ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಆಗಿದ್ದರು. ಈ ದಿವಸ ಅವರು ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿ ಬಹಳಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ದುಃಖವಾಗಿದೆ. ಅವರು ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ರಾಜಕೀಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ಆಕ್ಟಿವ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದರು, ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಇಂಜನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ಮತ್ತು ಹಿಂದಿಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರೇಮ ಅವರಿಗಿತ್ತು; ಅದರ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಈ ಒಂದು ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ದೇವರು ಅವರ ಆತ್ಮಕ್ಕೆ ಶಾಂತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಕುಟುಂಬವರಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಅಗಲಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಆಘಾತವಾಗಿದೆ, ಅದನ್ನು ಸೈರಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ದೇವರು ಶಕ್ತಿ ಕೊಡಲಿ ಎಂದು ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

2-30 P.M.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ (ಶ್ರವಣಬೆಳಗೊಳ).—ಸಭಾಪತಿಯವರೇ, ದಿವಂಗತ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾಯರು ನನ್ನ ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಿಂದಲೇ ಬಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ಮಹೋನ್ನತ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು, ಅವರು ಕೇವಲ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್‌ನವರಾಗಿ ಅಲ್ಲ ಮೈಸೂರು ದೇಶದ ಒಬ್ಬ ಸುಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧ ಪ್ರಜೆಯಾಗಿ ಇದ್ದರು. ಅದರಲ್ಲೂ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾಯರ ಮಾತು ಎಂದರೆ ಅವರದು ದಿಟ್ಟತನದ ಮಾತು. ಯಾವ ಒಂದು ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೂ ತಮ್ಮ ಒಂದು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಯಾರನ್ನೇ